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1. FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES SUPPORT MPLA: NOV 10 LISBON
PRESS REPORTED CONCLUSION OF NOV 9 MEETING IN LOURENCO MARQUES
OF FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES TO DISCUSS ANGOLAN SITUATION.
REPRESENTED WERE: AFRICAN PARTY FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA
AND CAPE VERDE (PAIGC), LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF SAO TOME AND
PRINCIPE (MLSTP), FRELIMO, AND MPLA. MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER
BY MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL. MPLA WAS REPRESENTED BY
ITS PRESIDENT, AGOSTINHO NETO, ACCOMPANIED BY LOPO DO NASCIMENTO.
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MEETING REPORTEDLY RESULTED IN UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR MPLA

GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA. CONFEREES ALSO CONDEMNED "IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION," SINGLING OUT SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGUESE LIBERATION ARMY (ELP).

2. PRO-MPLA PRESS: COMMUNIST-LINING LISBON PRESS HAS CONTINUED AND, IN SOME CASES, INTENSIFIED, ITS PRO-MPLA CAMPAIGN IN RECENT DAYS. NEWSPAPERS CONTINUED TO RUN STORIES ABOUT FNLA/UNITA ATROCITIES AND MANIPULATION BY FOREIGN "IMPERIALISM." PROMINENT PLAY WAS GIVEN TO FOREIGN NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FAVORING THE MPLA. NOV 10 "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" CARRIED FRONT-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH ADM. ROSA COUTINHO IN WHICH HE REITERATED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA.

3. ANGOLA-PORTUGAL FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY: NOV 10 LISBON PRESS CARRIED ARTICLE ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF AN ANGOLA-PORTUGAL FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY COMPOSED OF INDIVIDUALS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES. THE ORGANIZATION IS PRO-MPLA.

4. REPRESENTATIVES AT INDEPENDENCE: NOV 10 LISBON RADIO STATED THAT ADM. ROSA COUTINHO HAS EXPRESSED HIS REGRETS TO MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO FOR HIS INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LUANDA INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES. SAME REPORT NOTED THAT PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY HEAD ALVARO CUNHAL WILL ALSO BE UNABLE TO ATTEND AND WILL BE REPRESENTED BY TWO OTHER PARTY MEMBERS. RADICAL LEFT REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF THE PROLETARIAT (PRP) ANNOUNCED NOV 10 THAT IW WOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MPLA INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES IN LUANDA.

5. REFUGEE DEMONSTRATIONS: IN THE PERIOD OF NOV 7-10 ANGOLAN REFUGEES MAINTAINED THEIR POSTURE OF HIGH VISIBILITY WITH DEMONSTRATIONS IN OPORTO, COIMBRA AND VISEU. REFUGEES WERE ALSO PROMINENT IN THE NOV 9 LISBON DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT (REFTEL).
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